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DIED IN ENGLAND.

Sergt. Aubrey Townsend, of Hickman, Dies of Influenza.

Just one month after his death, the parents of Aubrey Townsend received the sad news of their son's death, which occurred at a hospital in Brockport, England, Oct. 17th. Spanish influenza being given as the cause. He was on the same transport with Guy Ledeburg, also a Hickman boy, and it is understood he took sick while on the ocean and was sent to the hospital immediately upon arrival at an English port.

Sergeant Townsend was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend and was reared near Hickman. He was a student in the state university where he was taking a course in agriculture when the Mexican trouble developed. Being a member of the State Guard, Aubrey went with his company to Mexico and staid there until Gen. Pershing cleared up the Mexican trouble. He was discharged, came home and spent about one week. This was right on the verge of our trouble with Germany, and he immediately volunteered for service again. He was sent to Ft. Thomas for a short while and later assigned as instructor in the Signal Corps at Camp Shelby, Miss. He served in this capacity for more than a year; or until his unit was ordered overseas. In all, he has seen about four years service—and was every inch a soldier and gentleman. Fulton county had no finer young man than Sergt. Townsend, and his untimely end is indeed sad.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters—Mrs. H. W. Whipple and Mrs. Albert Jones; and the following brothers—A. A., J. E., S. N., and Carl V. The latter is also in the service overseas and has not been heard from for several weeks.

The news of Aubrey's death is doubly sad, inasmuch as the war has ended and his loved ones were looking forward for his return home. But they have the consolation of knowing that he did his duty in the nation's crisis. He had his choice at the outset between following the colors and staying at home—and chose the former. It was the young men of his type that "made the world safe for Democracy." While he will not return, as family and friends had hoped, still his memory will be cherished and revered by all who knew him.

The loved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their great loss and hour of grief.

Life is short, but a fleeting day, let us follow their course of duty, let us follow their course of duty, let us follow their course of duty.

To noble service, the life of beauty, the enlist in the cause of right. You add a star to the crown of light.

Congressman Alben W. Barkley's majority in the First District was 1,000 over W. G. Howard, Republican.

A FINE LADY.

Mrs. Mollie Crostie Departs This Life at Age of 66 Years.

Mrs. Mollie, wife of W. S. Crostie, departed this life Thursday, November 14, after a long illness of tubercular trouble. Death occurred at the home of her son, Frank Crostie, of Moscow, at which place the couple were visiting.

Deceased was one of the pioneer citizens of Fulton county and one of our very best and noblest women. She was born in Tennessee some 66 years ago, but most of her life was spent in this county. She is survived by her venerable husband and four children. Three sons—Frank, Walter and Edward—are residents of this section, and she has one daughter, Mrs. W. L. Hall, at Poplar Grove, Ark. Further back than her oldest son, our reader, Mrs. Crostie has been affiliated with the Methodist church, her membership being at Harmony, and her life measured up to the highest Christian standard. Her many friends will be saddened by the news of her death; and the loss to her family is incalculable. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. Holly, of Cayce, and the remains laid to rest at Harmony cemetery.

In a mention last week of the shortage in local attorneys, the name of Judge J. W. Roney was left out of our copy. He is one among others who cannot add in filling out questionnaires—being Government Agent, which disqualifies. Hence only four attorneys, Davis, Amberg, Stenhouse and Moore, had to handle this work.

The ending of the war must be a terrible blow to Nashville merchants—many of whom are said to have been getting two or three prices for their goods by fleeing the powder plant workers. But Nashville wasn't the only town that made a profit out of patriotism. The woods are now full of millionaires.

President Wilson, in a proclamation given out Monday, named Thursday, November 28, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer. He called on the people to give thanks for the victory that has been vouchsafed to the allied cause.

The Hickman Cash Grocery will retire from business at Hickman, and Mr. Chambers will return to Martin to look after the firm's store there.

Now that the war is over, we may look for some of the vacant business houses to fill up.

R. A. Hammond is in St. Louis purchasing goods for the St. Louis Fair Co.

Extra values in Boys' Knee Pants, \$2 to \$3.—Smith & Amberg.

BOYS COMING HOME.

Will Begin Arriving in Ten Days, Wounded in France Next.

The paramount question with the families and friends of Fulton county boys both in the United States and in France—is when will the boys get home?

General March says demobilization will begin at once, and boys stationed in camps in this country will begin arriving home within the next ten days.

Demobilization will be in the following order: First, development battalions, 71 in number and comprising 98,100 men; second, conscientious objectors not under arrest; third, central production division; fourth, special training schools for officers, with some modifications; fifth, United States guards, now numbering 125,000 men; sixth, railway units; seventh, depot brigades; eighth, replacement units; ninth, combat divisions.

There are now in the United States 1,700,000 men under arms, General March said. Orders which will result in the immediate demobilization of 200,000 men are already issued and these men will be at their homes in the next ten days.

When the reduction plan is under full operation, the chief of staff explained, 20,000 men each day will be released from the army.

Regarding the return of the troops in France, Gen. March said the order in which the divisions will be withdrawn is being left to Gen. Pershing. It is the intention of the War Department, however, as far as is practicable, to return each division to the locality from which the majority of its men came and to parade the division in adjacent cities, so that the people may have a chance to give fitting welcome.

Orders have been cabled to Gen. Pershing to begin the return at once of all casuals, sick and wounded who can be moved and convalescents. A steady stream of these men should begin immediately to cross the Atlantic.

Camps at home will be cleared out to prepare for the return of the expeditionary forces and the General indicated that the process would be expedited. A unit of regular troops will be left at each camp to guard and police it in preparation for the arrival of the overseas units.

The question of final disposition of the great contingents is being studied, Gen. March said, and no decision has been reached. Now construction already has been largely stopped.

Because of its unusual composition and the brilliant record at the front, Gen. March said, the Forty-second (Rainbow) Division will be given special consideration in the demobilization plans. The purpose of the department was not outlined specifically, but the impression was gained that the division will be paraded in Washington before it is mustered out.

Steps already have been taken toward the organization of the permanent army. All men now in the army have been, or will be, offered an honorable discharge from the emergency enlistment and an immediate re-enlistment in the new forces. A furlough of one month will be given as an incentive to re-enlistment.

It was announced that Congress would be asked to give each man discharged from the army, regardless of whether he re-enlists, a bonus of one month's salary. General March pointed out also that all soldiers are entitled under law to wear their uniforms for three months after discharge. This will make less difficult the immediate task of supplying civilian clothing to the demobilized army.

The return of commissioned personnel of the army to civilian life, Gen. March said, will be effected by dividing the present list of officers into three classes—those who desire commissions in the regular army, those who are willing to hold themselves available for future service as reserve officers and those who desire honorable discharges from the service.

Instructions have been issued to the army staff corps to carry out reduction in their commissioned and enlisted personnel lists, keeping pace with the reduction of the line forces.

Gen. Pershing has been directed to expedite complete casualty lists of his forces showing the names of every man killed or wounded or missing up to 11 a. m. Nov. 11. General March said he would not hazard an estimate as to the final total.

Replying to a question as to the number of prisoners in Germany, he said official records up to Oct. 15 showed 5,738.

Arrangements for bringing home the troops in France are being worked out rapidly from a shipping point of view, the shipping board announced Saturday in issuing a call for 5,000 volunteers to man the ships that will be used for that purpose. Men between 18 and 35 will be accepted under the call without regard to their draft rating or previous experience, and will be put aboard training ships at Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans and Cleveland for six weeks' special training.

Although unwilling to concede the election of Edward D. Hays, Republican candidate for Congress, until all of the official returns are received, the members of the County Central Committee of the Democratic party, are of the opinion that Congressman Joe J. Russell, of Charleston, has been defeated in his race for re-election.—Charleston (Mo.) Courier.

SEND IT IN.

County Historian Wants Information Regarding our Soldier Boys.

Following is a condensed form of information wanted by the County Historian, Miss Bess Thompson, at Hickman, relative to all Fulton county boys in Uncle Sam's service. A history is being compiled and this information is necessary if your son, brother, husband, etc., is given a place in the book. Fill it out now and mail it to the Historian:

War Record:

Name _____
Rank _____
Home Address _____
Name of nearest relative _____
Address _____
Father's name (if not given above) _____
His address _____
Mother's maiden name _____
Age at time entered service _____
Married or single _____
Date entered service _____
Place of entrance into service _____
Branch of service (indicate by drawing a circle around the word—Infantry _____
Artillery—Medical Corps _____
Name of Company _____
Number of Company _____
Regiment _____
Naval Reserves—Marine Corps _____
Name of ship _____
Transferred to _____
Promotions _____
Casualties _____
Date of discharge _____
Any additional information give on separate sheet of paper.

The above war record sheet is printed with the request that it be filled out at once and mailed to me by the nearest relative of all men having entered military service from Fulton county.

ton county. This applies to volunteers, drafted men, soldiers, sailors, medical corps, chaplains, etc. It is hoped that these records will be supplemented by other information such as is contained in newspaper clippings, letters and which may be procured from other channels. The records which you can now make will be of much value in the years to come. We feel that you as residents of this county will take pride in making these records relating to our men in service as complete as possible, and in this way have an opportunity to render your State material aid.—BESS THOMPSON, County Historian.

"SOME PUMPKINS"—INDEED.

At this office may be seen the monster pumpkin, mentioned in these columns a short time ago, which was too large for the raiser, W. D. Benthal, to drive his wagon over when it loomed up in his way as he gathered corn. This pumpkin measures 5 feet, 12 inches in circumference, and probably weighs around 65 or 70 pounds. This, with another almost as large, has been donated to the Red Cross and will be sold at auction Saturday. In justice to Mr. Benthal, we will say that he explained to us that he was driving a low, iron-wheel wagon which would not pass over the pumpkin—and not a big farm wagon. The erroneous impression was left so his friends would have a little fun at Mr. Benthal's expense, and we are glad to vindicate him in the end.

NEW STAMPS BLUE.

New war saving stamps to be issued after January 1 will be blue instead of green and will bear a portrait of Benjamin Franklin, Secretary McAdoo has announced.

The same thrift stamps and thrift cards will be used, and exchanged for \$5 war saving stamps by the method now in use.

The 1918 series will mature January 1, 1924.

\$2,000 DIE OF FLU.

Influenza during the two months it was epidemic in the United States caused more than twice as many deaths as resulted from all causes among the members of the American Expeditionary Forces from the time the first American soldier landed overseas until the cessation of hostilities. Reports indicate more than \$2,000 deaths from influenza and from 40,000 to 45,000 deaths among the American forces.

The price fixing committee of the war industries board has recommended that the present cotton fabric prices be continued until January 1, and after that date no further action will be taken by the committee.

TIME EXTENDED.

Ten More Days Allowed for Sending Overseas Xmas Packages.

Mrs. W. P. Skinner, who has charge of the distribution of cartons furnished by the government for sending Christmas packages to soldiers, advises us that the time of mailing such packages has been extended from November 20 to November 30th. This applies to those overseas.

She is also authorized to state that if you have not received overseas labels (which must be procured before a package can be mailed), by Nov. 20, the nearest of kin to a soldier may procure one from the local Red Cross by making affidavit to this effect. It must be remembered, however, that a soldier can receive only one box; and only one label will be issued for him. Apply at Red Cross rooms at court house Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

STARTS TOMORROW.

Demobilization of the men at Camp Zachary Taylor will probably begin tomorrow, as Gen. Austin has received orders from the War Department to reduce the 159th Depot Brigade to four training battalions, one of which is to be a negro organization.

It is expected that approximately 3,500 will be mustered out of this organization, which has handled the inflow and preliminary training of soldiers.

A SUBSTANTIAL RAISE.

Railroad telegraphers' wages were advanced by order of Director General McAdoo Monday 13 cents an hour above the rate prevailing last January 1, with a minimum of 48 cents an hour retroactive to October 1. Eight hours, hereafter is to be considered a day's work and overtime will be paid at the rate of time and a half.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE.

Rev. R. C. Doughass, of the First Methodist church, and Rev. J. T. Simmons, of the West Hickman Chapel, left yesterday to attend the annual Methodist Conference at Jackson, Tenn. Both carry with them splendid reports of the church year just ending.

Mrs. Alice Lee Corum, wife of W. H. Corum, died Tuesday afternoon, November 12, at her home in Union City, death taking place suddenly.

Tom Donnell writes us from Nashville to change the address of his paper—saying he is now in the employ of the N. C. & St. L. Ry. Co.



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